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MEMORANDUM

TO:

Therese Pac, City Clerk

FROM:

Thomas W. Conlin, Assistant Corporation Counsel

DATE:

June 3, 2022

CC:

Mayor Caggiano, Mark Penney, Dawn Leger

RE:

Amendment of City Council minutes, November 10, 2020

Therese, would you kindly add the following to the City Council agenda for June 14, 2022?

1. To discuss and take any action necessary to act, pursuant to the Final Decision of the CT Freedom of Information Commission, Docket number FIC 2020-0599 Dawn Leger and Bristol Professionals and Supervisors Association v. City of Bristol, et al, to amend the City Council minutes of November 10, 2020.

The reason for this is to conform the City Council minutes to include the recording of an executive session which was impermissible, according to the Final Decision of the Freedom of Information Commission dated February 23, 2022 (attached).

The November 10, 2020 City Council meeting minutes, as amended, are attached with a Motion to Approve.

Please contact me with questions.

TWC/ntb

A complaint was filed with the Connecticut Freedom of Information Commission by Dawn Leger and Bristol Professionals & Supervisors Association against the Chairman, City Council, City of Bristol; City Council, City of Bristol; and City of Bristol on December 14, 2020. The complaint stated that at the City Council meeting on November 10, 2020, the City Council entered into an executive session to discuss the impact to personnel/financial functions within the Comptroller's and Treasurer's offices which was an impermissible purpose.

The Connecticut Freedom of Information Commission rendered a Final Decision on February 23, 2022 which noted that discussion of the impact to personnel/financial functions as a result of reassignment of duties is not one of the permitted purposes for executive session set forth in §1-200(6), G.S. and as such the public should not be excluded from the discussion and the discussion made open to the public. The Commission ordered the creation of minutes from the executive session and to make such minutes available as follows:

During the executive session which should have been conducted in public, the Director of Human Resources Penney informed the City Council of the status of negotiations with Local #233 AFSCME, one of the employee bargaining units with regard to the reassignment of duties in the Treasurer's office and a Separation Agreement for the Accounts Payable/Receivable Supervisor Patricia Bednaz and Impact Agreement for the Payroll and Pension Supervisor Christine Petosa.

JUNE 14, 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

## **MOTION**

I MOVE that the City Council minutes for the November 10, 2020 meeting be amended as presented, and that the City Clerk, Therese Pac, is authorized to sign the amended minutes pursuant to the Final Decision of the Freedom of Information Commission,

Docket No. FIC 2020-0599 dated February 23, 2022.